

Controversy Over Lacey U.S. Attorney Appointment

Introduction

The following articles, considering the appointment of Frederick B. Lacey, U.S. Attorney for N.J., and his war on organized crime, are written by informed patriots who speak authoritatively on these matters. We too share their concern.

The DeCarlo tapes have seriously impaired public confidence in law enforcement and many feel illegal wiretapping and bugging could lay the groundwork for a police state. Also, Mr. Lacey has not acted upon the incontestable proof submitted by Newark Police Director, Dominick Spina, that the 1967 Newark Riots were Communist-inspired.

With regard to Frederick Bernard Lacey Jr., we are dealing with the record, not so-called "McCarthyism" or "witch-hunting." He is not only a Mao-Communist but a leader as well. This reference contains no note of malice or bitterness. We could feel sympathy for such a tragedy, but sympathy won't obliterate fact. No one has condemned Mr. Lacey simply because of his son's affiliation. No one has said Mr. Lacey is a Communist — certainly not the Herald of Freedom, nor Congressman Rarick — although the charge has been repeatedly made in the press. We ask a question: Would Mr. Lacey even be considered as U.S. Attorney to fight crime if it were certain his son belonged to the Mafia? Ridiculous! Not so ridiculous is the fact that Communism is a criminal conspiracy, the most dangerous element in the U.S. crime sector.

The Communist connections of Lacey's son puts the father in an even more sensitive position than if his son belonged to the Mafia. Perhaps the recent SDS-oriented extensive N.Y. bombings and the planned bombings of government installations may cause those still harboring reservations about the imminent Marxist menace, to face reality. Unless halted, such Marxist operations could paralyze law enforcement, the only protection standing between the defenseless citizen and the criminal.

Americans are becoming aroused as never before, and in their hearts have declared war on the New Left and on the Establishment that promotes and protects it. The clenched fist has bowed to "bombs away." At least one newspaper, N.Y. Daily News, (March 12, 1970) has called for war on the New Left. Reference to Mr. Lacey's sensitive position is not induced by hatred of him, rather it is hatred of Communism and the enemies of America. Granting he has the best of intentions, we fail to see how he can wage an objective campaign against crime. This is not vendetta, and we would say the same about any other U.S. Attorney in the same situation.

Objective discussion alone will solve these matters. Dismissing every objection as merely part of a "hate" or "smear" campaign will solve nothing and is wearing mighty thin. Truth cannot be equated with vendetta nor facts with hatred. A man's best friend is often the one who confronts him with the stark naked truth. Mark Twain once said, "If you can't answer a man's arguments you can always call him names." People will no longer accept the label "hate group" or "hate literature" in answer to specific facts and charges submitted in lawful dissent.

Organized crime, like tidal waves and hurricanes, has plagued mankind since creation. Human weakness perpetuates gambling and prostitution. Certainly we cannot condone this and organized crime must be fought relentlessly. Scourge though it is, however, we have somehow managed to survive centuries of organized crime, since all do not come under its influence and some freedom of choice still exists.

Stalking America today is a scourge far worse than the hoodlum type criminal who controls the rackets, over which the citizen has no freedom of choice and which we as a nation will definitely not survive! A fear psychosis, that must precede the takeover grips America at every turn. In any American home, on any day, some family member could be raped, mugged or murdered! Softness toward Communism has contributed heavily toward this state of affairs. If Lacey's cohorts would put their spotlight on this element, the lives they save might be their own!

People have strong misgivings about campaigns against crime. The worried citizen knows only one thing: in spite of them all, crime steadily mounts. Crime is like Communism — the more we "fight" Communism here and abroad, the more it grows. But then, *Communism is crime!*

A recent U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT survey on crime reveals that crime has increased 10 times as fast as the population during the past ten years. The average American would be happy indeed if but one thing could be guaranteed him — the right to live, a right taken for granted in any civilized society, but which is jeopardized today as never before. When a new crime buster launches a campaign, oblivious of this danger, one is naturally apprehensive. With the continuing bombings and the recently revealed heavy SDS infiltration of the New York City Postal Union, one wonders if a corporal's guard could be mustered who would maintain that danger from organized crime is more imminent than danger from the New Left. By all means, curb organized crime. But unless and until streets are free of murder-bent Marxists, and homes and businesses safe from revolutionary terrorists, crime will still march on.



Frederick B. Lacey, a recent Nixon appointment, who succeeded David M. Satz Jr. as U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

Appoints Father of Communist As United States Attorney

From THE COUNCILOR, Shreveport, La.

Richard Nixon has appointed the father of a Louisiana communist to the powerful post of United States attorney!

You don't believe it? Here are the facts:

1—Frederick B. Lacey Jr., the communist, was arrested by New Orleans police on Nov. 7, 1966, and assigned criminal investigation number 123940.

2—In sworn testimony before the Louisiana Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, New Orleans Police Sergeant David Roland Kent described Lacey's leadership activities in the Mao-Communist "Progressive Labor Party."

3—Kent obtained information about Red Revolution in New Orleans by risking his life to infiltrate the Communist Spartacist League.

4—Another witness, lawyer Donald Meyer, indicated that the Red organization was headed by a triumvirate of Fred Lacey, Ed Clark and Bob Head. Lacey and Clark were roommates.

5—The Councilor believes that Lacey worked closely with such identified Reds as James A. Dombrowski and Anne Braden whose activities have been described in past issues of The Councilor.

6—Testimony relating to the Red activities of Frederick B. Lacey was included in Report No. 9 (July 14, 1967) of the Louisiana Legislative Committee. Copies of this information was sent by Committee Counsel Jack Rogers and the administrative officer, Col. Fred Alexander, to the U.S. Department of Justice and to the Attorney General of the United States.

7—Despite prior information in Justice Department files, President Richard Nixon appointed Frederick B. Lacey Sr. — father of the identified communist — as United States Attorney for the Northern District of New Jersey.

8—Frederick B. Lacey Sr. was sworn in on Sept. 2, 1969, and with the aid of chief assistant Herbert J. Stern has declared war against New Jersey police officials.

9—Lacey and Stern are using smear tactics.

10—The target for their smears are officers like Newark Police Director D. A. Spina who have tried to convince the nation that Black Power riots are communist inspired.

11—Like his son, U.S. Attorney Frederick B. Lacey Sr., seems to have a soft spot in his head for Black Power groups. In spite of the fact that 23 persons were killed in Newark during five days of Black Power demonstrations, Mr. Lacey Sr. is adopting a hear-no-evil, see-no-evil attitude toward the Black Power groups.

12—Apparent purpose of this type of maneuver is to "punish" local police officers who tell the truth about Black Power, and who attempt to protect the public. Another purpose seems to be to make local police units completely subservient to the federal government.

CONCERT OF OPPOSITES

(From LIBERTY LOWDOWN, a Confidential Report Published by Liberty Lobby, 300 Independence Ave., S.E. Washington, D.C.)

The latest example of the proclivity of the Nixon Administration to make bad appointments has come to the public fore with the demand on February 18, by Rep. John R. Rarick (D-La.) for the resignation of Frederick B. Lacey, U.S. Attorney for the district of New Jersey.

The "Lacey Affair" is important because a careful study of it reveals the possible sub-rosa alliance between criminals and certain politicians, and demonstrates how each can prosper by the latter conducting a "war on crime." Further, it reveals a most sophisticated strategy for weakening the forces of law and order. And finally, one may discern the outline of an international "hidden hand" at work which operates on all levels and in most areas of society.

Lacey, who was appointed to his job at the behest of Sen. Clifford Case (R-N.J.), has been in the news recently because of his exposures of Mafia influence in New Jersey. But, as often, in this case the story behind the story is the most interesting. For Mr. Lacey and his chief assistant, Herbert J. Stern, as well as the chief of his criminal division Jonathon L. Goldstein, are not really the crusading crimebusters they would like the voters to think.

Immediately upon his appointment, in September, 1969, Lacey called the first of what has since become an interminable series of press conferences and firmly announced his intention to clean up "organized crime" in New Jersey and to run the Mafia out of the state. Later, in a speech to the New Jersey chapter of the journalistic fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, he said, "My education (in organized crime) really only began with the . . . materials so courageously released by my predecessors, David Satz and Donald Horowitz."

McClellan Speaks Out

Sen. John L. McClellan, Chairman of the Government Operations Committee and a former prosecutor himself, stated on the floor of the Senate January 19, 1970, regarding the release of the "Mafia tapes":

"Each revelation of overheard Mafia conversations has included passages imputing corruption and other crime and immorality to numbers of identified public officials and private citizens. Each of them has, as a result, been judged without Judicial process by a substantial segment of the public, and doubtless many have been found guilty by the newspaper readership. I suppose that some are innocent, maligned by boastful hoods fencing for status and power, and that others are guilty tenfold of what was said of them in the transcripts. However, innocent and guilty alike lack any wholly effective means of cleansing their reputations. Civil lawsuits for defamation, such as that brought by a New Jersey county prosecutor based on allegations against him in the De Carlo logs . . . are very difficult to maintain and at best offer only partial redress. Punishing a defendant to whom disclosure of logs has been made for further disseminating them in violation of a protective order is seldom possible, since it requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt and the other incidents of a criminal trial, and it can never rectify the harm done to an individual whose privacy or reputation already has been harmed by the further disclosure."

Junior Lacey and the Law

As for Mr. Lacey, may his actions be considered in the light of his obvious predilections toward the extreme Left? There are those who think so, among them being Frank Capell, the noted anti-communist researcher. Capell has pointed out that our crusader's son, Frederick Bernard Lacey Jr., has been officially identified as a communist in Report No. 9 of the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities of the State of Louisiana. According to sworn testimony, Junior Lacey is a member of the

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